



Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Michigan's 13th District

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This Week In Congress:

FOCUS HOPE DETROIT SALUTE (House Resolution 295)

This Resolution, of which I am a co-sponsor, congratulates and salutes FOCUS HOPE for their 35 years of service and for their commitment and to the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan. The Resolution was unanimously approved by the U.S. House.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FILLING MASS HOUSE VACANCIES (H.J. Resolution 83)

This proposal provides for temporary appointments to the House of Representatives by state governors when more than half of the House has been killed or incapacitated. The appointments would be chosen from a list previously submitted to the governors by the elected members before their death or incapacitation. The appointed members would serve until special elections could be held to fill the vacancies. The legislation was voted down 353-63. I voted for this legislation because our government needs to continue to function in the event of a catastrophe.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT AMENDMENT (H.R. 3866)

The U.S. House voted to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide increased penalties for anabolic steroid offenses near sports facilities and for other purposes. The legislation passed the House with a vote of 408-3.

OFFICE HOURS

I will hold "Office Hours" in Wyandotte next Monday, June 7, 2004 at the Bacon Memorial Library at 45 Vinewood in Wyandotte from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. If you have any federal issues that I or my staff can assist in solving please stop by or you can just come and say hello. For more information, can contact John Harris at (734) 246-0780.

MAY EMPLOYMENT

There were 248,000 new jobs created in the month of May. However, the national unemployment rate remains unchanged at 5.6% or 8.2 million people still do not have jobs. Nearly 10% of African-Americans and seven percent of Hispanics are out of work. These percentages are higher than the national average. State employment figures for May are not yet available.

ARTISTIC DISCOVERY WINNER

I would like to congratulate the winner of the Artistic Discovery contest for the 13th Congressional District. The artwork of Johara Mused of Detroit's Chadsey High School will be displayed along the tunnel of the U. S. Capitol. Johara won out of 65 entrants. I would also like to congratulate our second place winner Ana Karen also of Detroit Chadsey High who's artwork will be displayed in my Washington, DC office and our third place winner William Ferenc of Theodore Roosevelt High School who's artwork will be displayed in the Detroit office. Thank you to all of the entrants.

EASTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPS

I would like to congratulate the Detroit Pistons and Head Coach Larry Brown on winning the Eastern Conference Championship earlier this week against the Indiana Pacers. Good Luck against the Los Angeles Lakers and in your quest for the 2004 NBA Title.

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